(c) if so, whether Government will freeze the ratio as prevailed before?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Recruitment of All India All Class' vacancies in the Army is carried out strictly as per the Recruitable Male Population (RMP) based on the decadal Census Reports. At persent, the RMP is being calculated on the basis of the 2001 Census Report. The recruitment in the Navy and the Air Force, however, is carried out on 'All India Merit' basis, and there is no State-wise quota on population basis. The ratio of the selection in the Army is based on the prevalent Census Report and the annual quota of vacancies allotted to the States on the basis of RMP is neither increased nor reduced nor transferred to other States.

Retirement benefits to Ex-Servicemen of British Indian Army

2255. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether repersentations have been received from ex-servicemen who served British Indian Army between 1941 to 1946 or their spouses to consider them for grant of Pension/Family-Pension and other retirement benefits;

(b) if so, the details of ex-servicemen who have been considered for grant of such benefits;

(c) the individuals whose representations were recieved and the requests were not acceded to alongwith specific reasons therefor; and

(d) whether such ex-servicemen who were discharged from Service on the ground of reduction in the strength of Indian Army have been given any kind of benefit at all?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) during the World War-ll, a large number of Indians were re-cruited in the then British Indian Army for a short period ranging from 2 to 6 years. At the end of the World War II, these personnel were discharged. They are not eligible for pension as they have not put in minimum length of qualifying service. Such personnel were given payment of service gratuity

as full compensation for the service rendered by them during the World War II.

Non registration of VHP under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act

2256. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that VHP is not registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act and Shri Ashok Singhal is the International President of VHP.

(b) how many branches of VHP are outside India and where and who are the office bearers of VHP operating outside India and what are their activities; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No organisation with the name VHP or as Vishva Hindu Parishad is registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Arrest/killing of insurgents

2257. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of insurgent members surrendered, arrested and killed during 2002-04;

(b) the arms and ammunitions surrendered or captured;

(c) the security forces missing, wounded or killed during the said period; and

(d) the arms and ammunitions missing or snatched away?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.